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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR BIODEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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Prior to examination of the above-identified Application on the merits, please amend the Application as follows:

Please amend claims 1, 23, and 24 as follows herein.

1. (AMENDED) A method for making microspheres comprising a bioactive substance, the method comprising:
- dissolving a polymer with an organic solvent to produce a polymer solution;
 - adding a biologically effective amount of a bioactive substance to the solution to produce a mixture of the polymer and the bioactive substance;
 - vibrating the mixture to produce a bioactive substance-polymer complex;